

# NEW HOUSE NEWSLETTER

**MICHAELMAS 2010**

## **SALE OF WORK (by Oliver Teal & Zion Hussey, L6th)**

The Sale of Work is a key event for New House and the School every year during the Michaelmas term for a number of reasons. The period running up to the actual day and the event itself brings the House together as everybody strives to raise and contribute as much as possible to do the best for the House's fund raising schemes and raise as much money for charity as possible.

The main event was our Sale of Work Dinner, which we are grateful many parents attended. The activities we held on the actual day were a penalty shootout competition, 'shoot the hoops' basketball challenge and people were

given the opportunity to throw cream pies into the faces of both David Chandler and Josh Miller (*below*). These two alone sat in the same spot for three to four hours in cold weather, having pies thrown at them and raising in excess of £120. Special mention should therefore go to them for such a fantastic effort.

Aside from the actual day itself, the L6th were in charge of other money-making schemes within the House during the period leading up to the event, including the very popular breakfast in bed and football competitions. Both the Lower and Upper Sixth forms were

also auctioned off as slaves for 'Wear What You Dare' day. This was a great achievement as approximately £600 was made.

Overall, the New House Sale of Work campaign was a huge success as the House raised a total of just over £2600. Thank you to all the Lower Sixth, the rest of the House and the New House parents, and we hope our success in this event will continue for many years to come.



***Their Housemaster couldn't miss out on the opportunity...!***

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## SPORT (Junior League and Tug-of-War)



sheets. Will Buckley was once again crucial to our success this year, creating many chances and numerous assists. With a solid defence at the back and a midfield of pace and skill, working hard to put in our strikers, we achieved four out of five victories before the weather intervened, so it's a case of so far so good, as we look to beat Orchard in the semi-final and then retain our title at the start of next term.

### Tug-of-War



The Juniors retained their Tug-of-War title early in the term, making it three years in a row in the competition. Aably led by Captain Tom 'Biffa' Bacon, the team (*above left*) did not lose one pull all morning and comfortably defeated Priory in the final and deserve special praise for their fine achievement.

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### Junior League (by Henry Teal, A Block and Captain)

As a team this term, I believe that we have created a true team spirit which was proven by the results. We beat Cross 6-0, Latham 7-1, Priory 4-3 and Orchard 8-0, finally drawing 2-2 with School House which meant the final table looked like this:

House	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	For	Against	Points	GD
New	5	4	1	0	27	6	13	+21
School	5	4	1	0	28	8	13	+20
Latham	5	2	1	2	26	18	7	+8
Orchard	5	2	0	3	10	28	6	-18
Priory	5	1	1	3	19	16	4	+3
Cross	5	0	0	5	5	39	0	-34



Dan and Sam: resolute in defence!

Some of the highlights of the term would have to be Matt Morris's long-range goals, Will Swann's finishing talent and despite having no 'keeping experience, Oakley's assurance in goal, keeping two clean



**SQUASH SUCCESS, a NEW LOWER SIXTH, and MUSIC!**

**Squash** (by Timmy Chiu, U6th and Captain)

On an icy Sunday in November, three members of New House worked tirelessly in the courts. Myself, Shimma Murase (B Block) and Rafe Dumbleton (L6th) came up against Priory first and defeated them easily 3-0, comfortably moving them around the court. Next up, Cross House surprised us and we only narrowly defeated them 2-1. In the final against School House, once again we were put under pressure early but managed to come through the test 2-1 and victory was ours after five years of Latham dominance.



Smile Shimma - you won!



Guess who before the Junior Social?

**A New Lower Sixth** (by Jeffrey Man)

Having to live in an entirely new place, speak a totally different language, and having to cope with a completely foreign culture: Repton, here I come! The expectations to meet some massive, body-building bullies and to have nerds with super-thick glasses on as my only friends does not come true. It turns out that the people in New House are very friendly. They are good lads. Days pass and I am gradually fitting in. Apart from accidentally burning the toast and setting the fire alarm off, things have gone pretty well!

**Music**

Well done and congratulations to Kaan Harwood and Rafe Dumbleton who won the Junior Piano and Senior Percussion competitions this term.



George has taken up the piano too - watch out Kaan!



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## MY FIRST TERM (by Marcus Schneck and Alex Needham, B-Block)

When we all first joined it was a bit of a shock as we had gone from the top of our schools to the bottom of Repton. Finishing school at 9pm also meant that we were all very tired and it took a while to get used to the new systems in the first few weeks. It was a bit awkward at the beginning as we all came from lots of different schools, but we gradually began to get to know each other better. The good things about our first term at Repton are the sport, free time (girls!) and generally socialising. We have more independence and much better teachers! Some of the personal highlights from the term for New House B Block have been: Shimma helping to win the House squash competition, scoring lots of goals in football, winning nearly every match in League and meeting Ethan Coupland-Smith! One particular highlight was beating Latham 17-3 in

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Housematch football. We have all enjoyed our first term at Repton and are looking forward to the rest of our time in New House.



## A WORD FROM THE HOUSEMASTER...



At the beginning of week 3, I ran the Nottingham Half Marathon (very slowly!) in blistering heat. After all the snow and ice we have had over the last few weeks it is difficult to believe that that was just three months ago. No term flies by quite like the Michaelmas Term, which must mean that we are all very busy! There have been some great successes, and near misses, and I have continued to be impressed by the commitment of New

Housians, young and old. The new B Block have settled in better than any I can remember, while the five new Lower Sixth have slotted in as if they have been here forever. This is to the great credit of the 'established' members of the House whose inclusivity helps create the camaraderie I see on a daily basis. No event creates this kind of togetherness more than the Unison competition and I look forward to the boys returning in good voice to reverse our fortunes in this truly total House-based competition. There is also a long tradition of success in the Steep and I would urge the boys to go easy on the mince pies over the next few weeks and begin their

training like I *intend* to over the holidays!

I would like to take this opportunity to publicly thank the Lower Sixth, who did such a fantastic job in coordinating this year's Sale of Work efforts. Their helpfulness and good humour was wholly responsible for raising this year's excellent total of just over £2600. All those who attended the dinner left a little poorer, but feeling that their money had been well spent. This year's O-Block have got a lot to live up to next year!

It only remains for me to wish you a very peaceful and restful Christmas and hope that the season of goodwill brings you everything that you wish for. See you in the New Year!

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